RAILWAY BUSINESS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14.

Leeds and Bradford Railway Bill.—Petitions against, from John Gott, Esq., George Hirst, George Baron, Esq.; Sir Sandford Graham, Bart., inhabitants of Adwalton, Armley, Thornton, Pudsey, Gildersome, Southowram, Leicester Dyke, Low Moor, Bramley, Bowling, Shenbin, Leeds, Queen's Head, Drighlington, Bradford, Holbeck, Booth Town, East Bierley, Ovenden, Great Horton, Northowram, Benjamin Gaskell, Esq.; Thomas Haigh, Rev. Godfrey Wright, trustees of the Brandling estates, Clayton, Wortley, Farnley, Robert Pemberton Milnes, Esq., and Leeds Waterworks Company; referred to the committee on the bill; counsel ordered.

York and Scarborough Railway Bill.—Petitions in favour, from Scarborough and Filey; to lie on the table.

South-Eastern Railway Bill.—"To enable the South-Eastern Railway Company to complete and maintain a branch railway and approach to the harbour of Folkestone, and to construct other works in connection with the said harbour; and also to effect certain alterations and extensions of the works of the Maidstone Branch of the said South-Eastern Railway, and to amend the acts relating to the said company;" presented and read the first time; to be read a second time.

Leeds and Selby Railway Purchase (No. 2) Bill.—"For vesting the Leeds and Selby Railway in the York and North Midland Railway Company, and for enabling that company to raise a further sum of money to complete the purchase of such railway," presented and read a first time; to be read a second time.

Edinburgh and Glasgow Railway Bill.—Petitions against, from Edinburgh, Leith, and Newhaven Railway Company; Edinburgh and Glasgow Union Canal Company; provost, magistrates, and town council of Linlithgow; and Thomas Sprot; referred to the committee on the bill; counsel ordered.

Lancaster and Carlisle Railway Bill.—Reported; report to lie on the table, and to be printed.

Slamannan Junction Railway Bill.—Petition of the Edinburgh and Glasgow Union Canal Company, against; referred to the committee on the bill; counsel ordered.

Maryport and Carlisle Railway Bill.—"To amend the acts relating to the Maryport and Carlisle Railway, and for making certain extensions and branches connected therewith." Presented and read a first time; to be read a second time.

Salisbury Branch Railway Bill.—Petition from Blandford, in favour; to lie on the table.

Chester and Holyhead Railway Bill.—"For making a railway from Chester to Holyhead," presented and read a first time; to be read a second time.

Manchester and Leeds (Bury Branch) Railway Bill.—Petition of the Earl of Derby, the Earl of Wilton, and others, against; referred to the committee on the bill; counsel ordered.

Railways.—Petition of Pickford and Co., and others interested in the conveyance of goods by railway, for securing a free competition in the carriage of goods; referred to the select committee on railways.

London Bridge Railways.—Petition of the London and Greenwich Railway Company, complaining of the arrangements and charges of the South Eastern and the Croydon Railway Companies; referred to the select committee on railways.

Blackburn and Preston Railway.—Report (13th March) from select committee on standing orders, read; bill ordered to be brought in by Mr. Wilson Patten, Mr. William Feilden, and Sir Hesketh Fleetwood.

North British Railway Bill.—Petitions against; from the Edinburgh and Dalkeith Railway Company, and William Henry Miller, Esq.; referred to the committee on the bill; counsel ordered.

Eastern Union Railway Bill.—"For making a railway from Colchester [illegible]" presented and read a first time; to be read a second time.

Garnkirk, Glasgow, and Coatbridge Railway Bill.—Petitions complaining of non-compliance with the standing orders, from Roslin Smith and George Smith, and John Leadbetter; referred to the select committee on petitions for private bills.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15.

South-Eastern and Hastings Railway Bill.—Motion made and question proposed, "That the bill be now read a second time." Amendment proposed to leave out the word "now," and at the end of the question to add the words "upon this day six months." Question proposed, "that the word 'now' stand part of the question." Amendment, by leave, withdrawn; main question put, and agreed to. Bill read a second time and committed, and referred to the committee of selection.

Leeds and Bradford Railway Bill.—Petitions against—Of the Bradford Gas Light Company; owners, lessees, or occupiers of property on the line; Bradford Waterworks Company; Leeds Gas Light Company; company of proprietors of the canal navigation from Leeds to Liverpool; Mary Ann Dufficld; Ellis Cunliffe Lister Kaye, Esq.; Thomas Wilcock and others, owners, lessees, or occupiers of lands, tenements, and property on the line; inhabitants of Sowerby; Skircoat; Stanningley; Warley; Birkenshaw; Oakenshaw; Tong; Cleckheaton; Batley; Shelf; Wibsey; Clayton-heights; Liversedge; Gomersal; Birstal; Heckmondwike; Calverley and Farsley; Burley; Yeadon; Armley; Rawdon; Ecclesbill; Horsforth; Guiseley; Bramley; Edward Lambert; Joshua Bower and others, owners, lessees, or occupiers of lands, tenements, and property on the line; occupiers of mills, manufactories, and other works; George Heaps, sen., and others, owners, lessees, or occupiers of lands, tenements, and property on the line; subscribers to a company for forming a direct line of railway communication between Leeds and Bradford; and company of proprietors of the Bradford Canal Navigation; referred to the committee on the bill; counsel ordered.

York and Scarborough Railway Bill.—Petition against—Of Earl Fitzwilliam; and William St. Quintin; referred to the committee on the bill; counsel ordered.

Manchester, Bury, and Rossendale Railway Bill.—Petition against—Of William Cooper; trustees of Radcliffe turnpike-roads; inhabitants of Bolton; and, company of proprietors of the Manchester, Bolton, and Bury Canal Navigation and Railway; referred to the committee on the bill; counsel ordered.

Blackburn and Preston Railway Bill.—"For making a railway from the town of Blackburn to the North Union Railway, in the township of Farrington, all in the county of Lancaster," presented, and read first time; to be read a second time.

Midland Railways Consolidation Bill.—Petitions against—Of Charles Collins Blane, Esq.; John Edward Phillips, and Francis Sherriff; owners of coal mines in the valley of the Erewash; William Jessop, Esq.; Charles Frederick Younge, and John Newton Mappin; and shareholders in the Midland Counties Railway Company; referred to the committee on the bill; counsel ordered.

Manchester and Leeds Railway (Bury Branch) Bill.—Petitions against—Of the company of proprietors of the Rochdale Canal; trustees of the road from Castleton to Great Heaton; and company of proprietors of the Manchester, Bolton, and Bury Canal Navigation and Railway; referred to the committee on the bill; counsel ordered.

Ashton, Stalybridge, and Liverpool Junction Railway Bill.—Read second time, and committed, and referred to the committee of selection.

Standing Orders Committee—Resolutions reported:—

"1. That, in the case of the Delabole and Rock Railway petition, the standing orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their bill, and that they produce and prove the original contract before the committee on the bill, and that the said committee [illegible]

how far such order has been complied with, on the report of the bill.

"2. That, in the cases of the Barnsley Junction Railway, the standing orders ought to be dispensed with.

"3. That in the case of the Gravesend, Rochester, and Chatham Railway petition, the standing orders ought not to be dispensed with.

"4. That, in the case of the Gravesend Railway petition, the standing orders ought not to be dispensed with.

First resolution agreed to. Report to lie on the table.

Delabole and Rock Railway.—Report from select committee on standing orders (this day) read; bill ordered to be brought in by Sir John Yarde Buller, Mr. Pendarves, and Mr. Trelawny.

London and South-Western Railway (No. 1.)—Report from select committee on standing orders (13th March) read; bill ordered to be brought in by Mr. Kemble and Sir John Eastbope.

Great Western Railway Bill.—Reported; report to lie on the table, and to be printed.

Defeat of the Barnsley Junction Railway.—In the House of Commons' committee, on Thursday, the Barnsley Junction Railway Bill was thrown out on the standing orders. This will be severe blow to the Manchester and Sheffield Railway Company, the chairman of which had boasted that the Barnsley Junction would enable the Manchester and Sheffield Company to divert the traffic from Manchester and Leeds Railway, and to make the Sheffield line the true Manchester and Leeds. Of course, in proportion to the defeat on the part of the Manchester and Sheffield is the triumph to the Manchester and Leeds. It is said that the Sheffield Company are not likely to be more successful with their Chesterfield branch, in opposition to the North Midland.—*Herald, March* 18.

Whitehaven and Maryport Railway Bill.—"for making a railway from the town and port of Whitehaven to the town and port of Maryport, in the county of Cumberland," presented and read a first time.

Northern and Eastern Railway (Newport Deviations) Bill.—"to enable the Northern and Eastern Railway Company to make certain deviations in the line of their railway, between Bishops Stortford and Newport, and to alter and amend the Acts relating to the said railway," presented, and read a first time.

Brighton and Chichester Railway.—Petition for Bill reported, and Bill ordered to be brought in by Mr. John Abel Smith and Captain Pechell.

Colchester and Harwich Railway (No. 2).—Petition for Bill reported, and Bill ordered to be brought in by Sir Henry Smyth and Major Beresford.

Harrogate and Knaresborough Railway.—Petition for bill reported, and bill ordered to be brought in by Mr. Lawson and Mr. Ferrand.

Newbury, Basingstoke, London and Southampton Railway Bill.—Read a second time, and committed, and referred to the committee of selection.

Sheffield, Ashton-under-Lyne, and Manchester Railway Bill.—Read a second time, and committed, and referred to the committee of selection.

Eastern Counties Railway (Brandon and Peterborough Extension) Bill.—"To enable the Eastern Counties Railway Company to make a railway from the Northern and Eastern Railway at Newport, by Cambridge to Ely, and from thence eastward to Brandon and westward to Peterborough," presented and read a first time.

Newbury and Great Western Railway Bill.—Read a second time and committed, and referred to the committee of selection.

Slamannan Junction Railway Bill.—Read a second time and committed, and referred to the committee of selection.

North British Railway Bill.—Read a second time and committed, and referred to the committee of selection.

Brighton, Lewes, and Hastings Railway.—Petition for bill reported, and bill ordered to be brought in by Mr. Darby and Lord Alfred Harry

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